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Canoeists Find Tranquil Oasis at Lake Accotink

The long, brown shape of an otter slips into the water. Canada Geese float by like a feathered fleet of ships. Colorful dragonflies hover over cattails while a green heron perches on an overhanging branch. A turtle's head breeches the water's surface for air and a red-tail hawk screeches high above. Come canoe the marsh at Lake Accotink in Springfield on Saturday, August 19, 2006, from 8 to 10 a.m., and experience these unique sights and sounds.

Breathe the fresh morning air and forget your worries when you launch your canoe into the tranquil waters. Novices and experienced canoeists will enjoy the easy paddling through open water and marsh habitats. The early morning trip provides the best time to view wildlife visiting the lake for food, drink and shelter. Bring your waterproof camera so you can share the lake's beauty with family and friends.

Meet at the concession stand near the carousel. Canoes and life jackets are provided. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Canoeing can be strenuous, so bring a water bottle and a snack to restore your energy. Registration is required. Limit of 15 canoes available. Cost is \$15 per canoe, maximum three per canoe. Call (703) 941-1065 (Hidden Oaks Nature Center) for registration and information. Cancelled in case of rain.

Lake Accotink Park is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield. Its 493 acres include a 55-acre lake with fishing, hiking, miniature golf, a carousel, snack bar, tour boat rides, trails, picnic areas and playgrounds. From I-95 take Old Keene Mill Rd. west to right on Hanover Ave. Turn left on Highland Ave. and then right on Accotink Park Rd. Park entrance is on the left.

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